



## **South Mountain Corridor Study**

### **Citizens Advisory Team**

### **Meeting Summary**

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**Date:** June 7, 2007  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** ADOT Board Room

#### **CAT Members Attending:**

Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce, Carola Tamarkin  
City of Avondale, Jim McDonald  
City of Tolleson, David Lafferty  
Foothills HOA, Chad Blostone  
Kyrene Elementary District, Terry Tatterfield  
Laveen Citizens for Responsible Development, Laurie Prendergast  
Laveen Village Planning Committee, Michael Norton  
Maricopa County Farm Bureau, Clayton Danzeisen  
Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Michael Goodman  
Sierra Club, Sandy Bahr  
South Mountain/Laveen Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Bray  
South Mountain Village Planning Committee, Tamala Daniels  
Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce, Don Jones  
Valley Forward, Dave Olney

#### **CAT Members Absent:**

Ahwatukee Village Planning Committee, Laurel Arendt  
Arizona Trucking Association, Dave Williams  
Estrella Village Planning Committee, Peggy Eastburn  
Gila River Indian Community – District 4, LaQuinta Allison  
Lakewood HOA, John Rodriguez  
Pecos Road/I-10 Landowners Association, Nathaniel Percharo

#### **Staff and Consultants**

Tom Keller, KCA  
Fred Erickson, KCA  
Matt Burdick, ADOT  
Sally Stewart, ADOT  
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Mike Bruder, ADOT  
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Joy Butler, PDG  
Emily Bittner, CPR

**Citizens:**

Kerry Fehr-Snyder  
Jim Jochim  
Linda Jochim  
Matt Lord  
Doug Murphy  
William Ramsay  
Greta Rogers  
Jack Sellers

**Action Items**

Task/Activity	Who	When
Provide August CAT meeting agenda	KCA	
Provide proposed schedule, with topic list and allotted time per topic	KCA	

Tom Keller started the meeting by reviewing behavior standards for members of the CAT and the public, and outlined opportunities for public comment during the last 30 minutes of the meeting.

The CAT had no changes or additions to previous meeting summaries.

**Tom Keller:** I'm glad to tell you we have a quorum tonight. We have 13 members, so we can officially transact business this evening. I'd like to go to our first agenda item. This will be a standard agenda item. [This is referring to the agenda item for asking questions about issues, articles and press information that has appeared since the last meeting.]

**CAT Member Comment:** Our illustrious newspaper is spewing misinformation and non-factual information. This is in the *Republic*. There are several errors in the article. They call the CAT reconstituted. I don't think we're a helpless bunch of orange pulp

waiting for a benevolent creator to make us a grand again. Also, we're not bigger than we were, we haven't added new members yet. The fourth line in the story caused my phone to ring off the hook. The reporter blamed Laveen groups for the lack of quorum. I had to assure people that Laveen was represented by the only people from the community who are part of the CAT at this point. My organization is asking for a retraction and apology from the *Republic*. Members of my group had many comments at the meeting last week. They wanted to know why we're anonymous in meeting summaries, but we're labeled and misquoted in the newspaper. Why is it such a big secret? They also wondered, when reading these minutes about this statement: "ADOT wants to assure transparency of correct information..." If that's true, then why is this garbage out there with eight errors? If we can't rely on these small and "trivial" facts being true, then how can we rely on the big facts being correct when they come out?

**Tom Keller:** Did you have a question?

**CAT Member Comment:** There was an article about the air quality, can you expand on that? I seem to get the impression that the 801, if that goes in and 202 goes in, that it could cost federal money? I didn't quite understand it. The reporter is here, could he explain it?

**Timothy Tait:** Let me try to explain. MAG is the agency that is responsible for transportation planning, air quality analysis and evaluating the impact that various projects will have on air quality. We are certainly aware of issues. But I want to be clear to you that it's the same agency that does both analyses.

**CAT Member Comment:** Is it accurate that the connection of all those roads could cause an air quality problem that could take away federal dollars?

**CAT Member Comment:** It's bigger than that.

**Timothy Tait:** That's not consistent with my understanding of the issue. It's a much larger issue for the entire Valley than the construction of two proposed freeways.

**CAT Member Comment:** Can we get someone to give us a more detailed briefing on how that works when we get to air quality?

**CAT Member Comment:** We have until December 31st to present a plan that demonstrates we will reduce PM10 emissions next year and then again in 2009, and then we have a year of contingency. If we don't present an acceptable plan, one of the sanctions is the loss of federal highway dollars, as well as an implementation plan that would be put in place by the EPA.

**CAT Member Comment:** Hasn't this been an issue for years, and the federal government has let us off over the years?

**CAT Member Comment:** This is the first time it's been this bad. There's only one other place in the country that had to implement a 5 percent plan from the EPA.

**CAT Member Comment:** Is there a way that, as an organization, ADOT can rebut some of what the other CAT member is saying about her concerns regarding the misstatements about Laveen in the *Republic* article? Rather than it just coming from Laveen? We as a CAT don't have press meetings, but I would think ADOT would be a little offended by the article.

**Timothy Tait:** We try to work with all the reporters who cover our various projects and when we work with reporters, we try to be upfront with our concerns. We would encourage you to talk directly with that reporter. In terms of general comments from the group about the tone or nature of a story, we can convey those to the media. We can make sure the reporters see the meeting summary.

**CAT Member Comment:** I think something should come from more than Laveen, I think it should come from the group. And ADOT. It's just something that I would think would offend ADOT also.

**Timothy Tait:** Like I said, we have a good relationship with the reporters who cover us. And we're constantly working on ways to improve coverage, as are they.

**Tom Keller:** Let me introduce a new representative, Tamala Daniels. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss before we move on?

**CAT Member Comment:** I have just one other thing dealing with the news articles. Are we going to see other sections of the paper? We used to see articles in our minutes.

**Timothy Tait:** You would like us to compile and include news clippings in your packet?

**CAT Member Comment:** I don't see sections of the paper that deal with Laveen and the west side.

**CAT Member Comment:** I don't get the Ahwatukee Foothills News.

**CAT Member Comment:** That way, we can at least see if our name is quoted.

**Joy Butler:** Those articles are posted on the Web site, which will be switched over soon to valleyfreeways.com.

**Timothy Tait:** We can compile those for the team. For future meetings, we'll include clippings of news coverage, and we'd appreciate your help in providing anything we missed.

**Tom Keller:** OK, next item. You'll notice that one of our big issues from the last meeting was the solidification of our membership. We talked on a couple of occasions

about having you research the organizations you suggest, then talking with the individual organizations that want to be part of the team. One CAT member spoke to three East Valley groups.

**CAT Member Comment:** The East Valley Partnership, the Chandler Chamber and the City of Chandler.

**Tom Keller:** Those three organizations said they would like to have one representative between them.

**CAT Member Comment:** Correct.

**Tom Keller:** [Tom walks the CAT through two screens from the presentation that list suggestions for new organizations to invite to participate in the CAT.] Those of you who suggested these groups, how many of them have you contacted, and what was their interest? Since we have a quorum tonight, we can go forward and vote to accept new members. We didn't do it in May because we didn't have a quorum.

**CAT Member Comment:** I recommended adding HOAs because when we started, Laveen didn't have any citizen-run HOAs. I know they solicited Ahwatukee HOAs. Some of those have participated the whole time, some have come in and out. I didn't say anything to the prospective Laveen HOAs because of our concerns last month, when we couldn't get a quorum. I don't know how big and unwieldy this body should be, especially if we can't maintain a quorum.

**Tom Keller:** The Foothills Reserve HOA has been requested. Your operating agreement provides for up to 30 members and you have 20 now. Today we can vote on whether you want new members at all and then who those new member organizations are.

**CAT Member Comment:** I'd prefer to have new members and if quorum becomes an issue, then I would like to modify those rules. The more minds and more diversity the better.

**CAT Member Comment:** Looking at the list of people here, the quorum rule would have to be adjusted. These people aren't interested in where this freeway goes, but are more special interests. I see a lot of people saying that all freeways are bad. Sure, there are air quality issues, but what's the difference between driving at 40 mph on a freeway and 1 mph on a city street. Some of the suggested organizations would be great as speakers, but not as members. We need to have people with a vested interest in where the freeway goes. I don't think we should rely on experts every single month to get a quorum.

**Tom Keller:** That brings up a great point, that you represent organizations, not yourselves as individuals.

**CAT Member Comment:** On the medical side, my whole interest in having someone is the fact that it would be nice to have someone who could explain issues to me. Not that we don't believe ADOT or MAG, it's nice to have someone sitting here to ask that question to. For example, about air quality studies coming out of San Francisco or Chicago. But, does that person have to sit on this group? He does not have a particular interest in this freeway.

**Tom Keller:** There's that approach vs. the panel approach we talked about last time, whether the topic is air quality or the tank farm.

**CAT Member Comment:** Regarding the interest in the freeway being built or the freeway not being built, people throughout the Valley have an interest in the outcome. Everyone has to breathe the air and everyone has to deal with the congestion or whatever else happens. To say people don't have an interest is misleading. I fail to see the difference in having the Public Health Association on the CAT and having the trucking industry on here. There seems to be a different standard for pecuniary interests.

**CAT Member Comment:** I see the first eight groups listed as experts for panels. The American Red Cross and an expert botanist maybe, too. As for DHS [Department of Homeland Security], I'm sure that they could tap somebody to explain things to us, in whatever way they can tell us their secrets. I don't see that they need to be attending 65 percent of the meetings, whatever the criteria is for being able to vote. But there is a concrete, specific need for their information. When ADOT was building the [State Route] 51, the people who lived there were very concerned about their neighborhoods. But North Scottsdale residents were excited for a new way to get to downtown Phoenix. There's different levels of interest in freeways being constructed.

**Tom Keller:** That brings us back to the question from last month. Do you feel there is adequate representation on this body to do the build/no-build vote?

**CAT Member Comment:** Not that I've been to all the meetings, but it doesn't seem like there's enough presence from Laveen HOAs, and major business owners and employers.

**CAT Member Comment:** I wouldn't be opposed to expanding it by a few members, a few of the people merit consideration. A state association that would represent healthcare as a whole, somebody in general wouldn't be a bad idea. Representing homeowners wouldn't be a bad idea, but once we get to that point, you might as well find a stadium and put everyone you can in there. That might be hard for you to facilitate.

**Tom Keller:** Do you want to bring new members on? We're going to take our first official vote, with a quorum.

**CAT Member Comment:** Wait, is the guy from Chandler going to be invited?

**CAT Member Comment:** I always felt that Chandler needed the representation and wasn't here.

**Tom Keller:** What we're voting on now is whether we should add any additional members at all, and then we'll get to specific groups.

Vote:

Y 13

N 1

A 0

**Tom Keller:** Now we can move on to the discussion we've started before. Who, how many and when? There are a percentage of old members and new members here tonight. The idea for our next meeting is to bring the new members up to speed after we finalize our membership. We still want to be able to do that, but we want to be able to move forward so this doesn't turn into a lifelong commitment. There may be some *reconstituted* members who want to participate, and you will be welcome to come as we go. Now, from this list of potential organizations to invite and the other slide with more groups, how do we want to go about bringing these suggestions for new members forward?

We've had discussions about how we've done it in the past. The CAT will vote to invite new member organizations and ADOT will extend the invitation. But, especially in situations where you haven't already had detailed conversations with the potential groups, we will follow up and tell them they have been recommended by you. So your vote tonight would be on the recommended organizations.

**CAT Member Comment:** Once we take this vote, if six months from now, if someone comes knocking on the door, does this close the door totally?

**Tom Keller:** That's good question for the organization.

**CAT Member Comment:** They're more than welcome to join our meetings as members of the public, so we can hear what they have to say without being members.

**CAT Member Comment:** So this is a closed-door vote?

**Tom Keller:** That's your call.

**CAT Member Comment:** Maybe we could designate a point in the future to open it up again.

**CAT Member Comment:** Last time around, when the newspaper started really reporting on what we were doing, groups started coming out of the woodwork, wanting to join. But they weren't privy to all the three years of research the rest of us had been doing. We didn't want to wait for them to catch up. It's our group, we can decide.

**Tom Keller:** And it doesn't preclude the creation of a panel for a special topic.

**CAT Member Comment:** I think there are so many special interest organizations, it would be difficult to select the American Medical Association, etc. You would need to narrow it down to business or property owners, especially since there are a limited number of participant slots remaining.

**CAT Member Comment:** Once we get this set, let's continue forward. We don't need to open it up every other time we meet.

**CAT Member Comment:** Unless some substantive change occurs, once we pick the people, it ought to pretty well stay the same. I think there are a few more organizations that should be invited.

**CAT Member Comment:** Once we've met the limit, let's close it. We can have some of the additional groups come in as speakers.

**CAT Member Comment:** I feel that way, too.

**Tom Keller:** So the organization wants to solidify the membership tonight. Our votes will invite the new organizations. Subject of course, to whether the invitee says to kiss off. And of course, not all of these groups have been vetted in the process that the CAT member did with Chandler. The recommendations and the vote that we make today will close out the recommendations.

Vote:

Y 13

N 1

A 0

**Tom Keller:** We have this list [first presentation slide] and the other. The Chandler/East Valley groups have been condensed to one representative. Do we want to take the vote with the individual representing those groups in the room?

**CAT Member Comment:** He's already sat through two meetings.

**Comment:** He's already been to more meetings than a lot of people.

**Tom Keller:** So we have a suggestion for one consolidated representative for these three organizations. Your name, sir?

**Jack Sellers.**

The East Valley groups are unanimously invited, to be represented by Sellers.



**Fred Erickson:** Do you represent any single one of those organizations?

**Jack Sellers:** I am chairman of the Chandler Transportation Commission.

A vote was taken to approve Jack Sellers as the first new member of the SMCAT.

Vote:

Y 14

N 0

A 0

**Tom Keller:** Let's get to the medical representatives, which is a fairly broad category, including the Arizona Public Health Association. Since there hasn't been a vetting process for these groups, should we just go down the list? Can the person who suggested them make the case?

**CAT Member Comment:** You have a number of medical groups on the other slide, too. I think there should be a medical representative, and maybe we should just pick the best one or the one that would be the most well-rounded.

**CAT Member Comment:** I was going to suggest the Arizona Public Health Association, but it's not really a medical group. They're really a public health group. They're involved in air quality, public policy, as well as land use issues. They're different from the Department of Public Health or a medical association, that would be doctors.

**CAT Member Comment:** They do have access to resources and information.

**CAT Member Comment:** They're not a state-affiliated group, right? They're a non-profit?

**CAT Member Comment:** Yes.

**CAT Member Comment:** They're volunteers?

**CAT Member Comment:** They have some paid staff and a volunteer board.

**CAT Member Comment:** We need someone who can disseminate information about what goes on in these meetings to their group, just like we do to our groups. They need to do it for us, too.

**Tom Keller:** Would it be helpful if we regrouped them on the slides by theme? [Fred Erickson begins reorganizing the presentation slides.]

**CAT Member Comment:** I would have no problem with that organization because it's broad and they can serve a wide constituency.

**CAT Member Comment:** Is it autonomous or is it a part of a larger organization?

**CAT Member Comment:** They're an affiliate of the American Public Health Association. They're a well-known organization in the public policy arena. They operate as an independent non-profit. They have really good conferences on land use, air quality and other issues, like Valley Fever.

**CAT Member Comment:** If we were to bring someone from this group over, would this person be able to poll other professionals to have the right information at the right time, rather than adding multiple new members?

**CAT Member Comment:** I think they would be the best fit. And yes, they have a good network and good contacts.

**Tom Keller:** So you would still have the panel, and have the person as a member.

**CAT Member Comment:** Do we feel fairly comfortable that if we extend an invitation, they will accept? If we want to pick one group to represent the medical community, since we're closing the door tonight, do you think they'll accept?

**CAT Member Comment:** Yes, I do. I make a motion that we extend an invitation to the Arizona Public Health Association to send a representative to participate on the CAT.

**CAT Member Comment:** I would second that, as long as it covers all the other medical people on there.

**CAT Member Comment:** The CAT member who recommended most of those groups isn't here tonight.

**CAT Member Comment:** You know what the agenda is, and if it's important to you, you'll make it here.

**Tom Keller:** OK, team, unless we missed one, we regrouped the professional medical-related organizations on the slides.

**Fred Erickson:** I didn't know where to put a trained botanist, so it's at the bottom of the list of medical professionals.

**Tom Keller:** So would the Arizona Public Health Association be representative of all of these other groups? Take a minute to take a look at that and we'll move forward. Any follow up questions? We have a motion to accept the Arizona Public Health Association in lieu of all those organizations, and that we extend an invitation to them.

Vote:

Y 14

N 0

A 0

**Tom Keller:** This is progress!

**CAT Member Comment:** I'm assuming that you were going to press upon them to take this very seriously.

**CAT Member Comment:** They're a professional, serious organization.

**CAT Member Comment:** Not just them, everyone we vote on.

**Tom Keller:** As facilitators, we're going to be very clear with what you went through in April and May, reconstituted or not.

**Fred Erickson:** Do you want to address a trained botanist?

**Tom Keller:** Can anyone speak to that?

**CAT Member Comment:** That came from the night we discussed conservation, animal, plant life. If there's someone available, that would be the night to have that person here. But not when we're doing traffic modeling.

**CAT Member Comment:** Unless they're an HOA president, too.

CAT does not pursue adding a trained botanist.

**Tom Keller:** So the remaining organizations have been grouped by HOAs, high school groups and business groups. Want to address the HOA issues first?

**CAT Member Comment:** Where are they?

**Tom Keller:** We've had a suggestion for Foothills Reserve.

**CAT Member Comment:** That's at 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**CAT Member Comment:** No, that's Woodside.

**Tom Keller:** Mountain Park is at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Elliot. It stretches from I-10 to 24<sup>th</sup> Street. It's about a half-mile north of Pecos.

**CAT Member Comment:** They were on, but no one ever came to meetings.

**CAT Member Comment:** There's Crimson. They're just north of Ray Road, but they're right at 48<sup>th</sup> Street. For them to go all the way to use the new freeway would be asinine.

**CAT Member Comment:** Maybe they care about the park.

**CAT Member Comment:** Club West is a large one. I don't know if they'll participate.

**CAT Member Comment:** There are four in Laveen. Silverado Ranch is at 51<sup>st</sup> and Baseline. Cheatham Farms is at 51<sup>st</sup> and Baseline. Rogers Ranch, 51<sup>st</sup> and Baseline. Bougainvillea, 59<sup>th</sup> and Baseline. Then there's also Country Glen at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Baseline, and Arlington Estates at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Baseline. The HOA has to be citizen-run, with an elected board. These are all citizen-run, the developers have turned them over. The City of Phoenix probably has the right contact information for them.

**Tom Keller:** So there are six in Laveen? That would bring us potentially to nine HOAs.

**CAT Member Comment:** Since Country Glen is at 43<sup>rd</sup>, they may say 'why bother.'

**Tom Keller:** We need to resolve and address this tonight.

**CAT Member Comment:** It seems to me, when you have a group of homes impacted, in Laveen, I was saying, I was thinking of the Dusty Trails area that will be impacted by the freeway.

**CAT Member Comment:** Or they'll get bought out by ADOT. But they're either one-acre, individual homeowners. They don't have an HOA

**CAT Member Comment:** An invitation should be extended to them, or someone to represent all of them.

**CAT Member Comment:** Several of those homeowners come to the meetings of our organization.

**CAT Member Comment:** I thought that subdivision on the southwest corner of – I can't remember the name, right as the road turns –wanted to be invited.

**CAT Member Comment:** That's Foothills Reserve.

**CAT Member Comment:** Foothills is right by Woodside. There's an 80-acre subdivision right at the foot of the mountain. I remember this committee received something from them.

**Tom Keller:** I don't remember seeing anything.

**CAT Member Comment:** I don't know what their status is, if they've been turned over by the developer.

**CAT Member Comment:** Are they citizen-run?

**CAT Member Comment:** Like I said, I don't know.

**Tom Keller:** Let me remind you that with the new invitations we've already decided on, we have eight left.

**CAT Member Comment:** Once you open it up to x group, I don't see how you can deny another group that's in the line of the freeway. I don't see how they can be excluded because of a number.

**CAT Member Comment:** We're not going to get anywhere if we keep changing the rules.

**CAT Member Comment:** We should invite Foothills Reserve since they've asked to be included. And then invite the two Laveen HOAs that make the most sense.

**CAT Member Comment:** Is Foothills 80 the same as Foothills Reserve?

**Citizen comment:** No, those are the expensive homes at extreme end of Pecos Road. Don't mix them up with Foothills Reserve.

**CAT Member Comment:** There's always going to be a new builder to put up a new sign. Ahwatukee homeowners were well aware of it when they bought in, we could keep going around and around this all night.

**CAT Member Comment:** Since there are only eight slots left, I don't think there are enough to invite all the groups we have up there. Talking about high schools opens up a whole new can of worms. As for the one church we're considering, there are about 30 other churches that go up and down the potential alignment. Let's open it up to the four HOAs in Ahwatukee and four in Laveen that are closest to the freeway.

**CAT Member Comment:** I would make the Foothills 80 the fourth for Ahwatukee on top of Club West, Mountain Park Ranch and Foothills Reserve. You probably won't get two of those.

**CAT Member Comment:** Do we have business owners that want to participate?

**CAT Member Comment:** Aren't the chambers here to represent business interests?

**CAT Member Comment:** How many Ahwatukee HOAs are already represented on the CAT?

**CAT Member Comment:** Two. Lakewood and Ahwatukee Foothills.

**CAT Member Comment:** How many Laveen HOAs are already on here?

**CAT Member Comment:** So they should get two more and Laveen should get four. That would be four in each community. We don't have to get all the way to 30. I make a motion to add two more Ahwatukee HOAs and four from Laveen.

**CAT Member Comment:** As an aside on the attendance issue, I see the GRIC being 0 for 3, and that's unfortunate. If they were to agree to move the freeway just a little bit south, that would be great. I'd like to hear more in these meetings about where we are with them. If this freeway can move 200 feet south, that would solve a lot of problems. Who else from there can we talk to?

**Tom Keller:** Attendance is in your operating agreement.

**CAT Member Comment:** We need someone from Gila River. And if the representative can't make the meetings, we should find another representative.

**Tom Keller:** You can say to us, the facilitators, that it's time for us to contact the organization and look for a replacement.

**Timothy Tait:** We have been communicating with Gila River about these meetings. There is an interest in finding an appropriate representative. Right now, there are two Gila River representatives on this body. I would hope the door would remain open for their continued participation and we continue to work to encourage their participation.

**Tom Keller:** Both of those individuals were contacted this week. One indicated attendance, the other didn't communicate with us.

**CAT Member Comment:** I'd like to throw Foothills 80 up there.

**Tom Keller:** OK, let's get back to discussing the motion.

**CAT Member Comment:** Let's add two Ahwatukee HOAs and four Laveen HOAs.

**CAT Member Comment:** I recommended adding four and four already knowing that these two have participated for the whole four years and because we always have had Tolleson, the Southwest Valley and Avondale on the CAT. From the beginning, I thought that those HOAs with more Ahwatukee HOAs and the Laveen Village always balanced us geographically. If we allow Ahwatukee to add only two, then we'll be heavily weighted with these guys on the west side.

**CAT Member Comment:** I agree. When I'm looking at bringing four, I know we're going to get a couple that say no. I think four will yield us two.

**CAT Member Comment:** Is there a way to invite everyone and say we have a first-come-first-serve type of thing? I'm just trying to be fair. You might get only one.

**CAT Member Comment:** The bulk of the discussion is about that southern alignment. I don't think bringing in a few more people is a bad thing.

**CAT Member Comment:** I support asking four from either side. If they don't accept, then we move on.

**CAT Member Comment:** I don't accept that amendment to my motion.

**CAT Member Comment:** I don't think we have to have 30, but the segment we're talking about, are all the Laveen recommendations within the segment?

**CAT Member Comment:** Within a mile? Yeah, they're within a mile from either side.

**CAT Member Comment:** Because a majority of the segment is Ahwatukee. We didn't include them in the first go-around, there should be an effort to include them.

**Tom Keller:** It's nearly time for our break. Do want to resolve this issue and vote, or take a break and revisit when we get back?

**CAT Member Comment:** I agree with what you're saying, because all four of those Ahwatukee HOAs will be impacted. Foothills Reserve and Foothills 80 will lose homes. Club West might, too. Mountain Park Ranch is large, you're talking 6,000 members. And that's a half-mile from the alignment. I think those four are extremely important.

**CAT Member Comment:** For the west side, not including Laveen, there's Estrella that's being represented, as well as Tolleson.

**CAT Member Comment:** And the Southwest Valley Chamber.

**CAT Member Comment:** So there's five on the west side? I'm just thinking Laveen and then I'm thinking far west.

**CAT Member Comment:** You could argue that the trucking hubs are west, since there aren't trucking hubs in Ahwatukee, so the trucking association is western representation.

**CAT Member Comment:** I think the 2/4 would skew our makeup.

**Tom Keller:** Your point is that a 2/4 addition going forward would skew the group?

**CAT Member Comment:** Here's another issue: When SR 801 comes up, do we remove people from the CAT board to add more Avondale and Ahwatukee people? Is there a feeling here that there is one against the other?

**CAT Member Comment:** The SR 801 does not have an advisory team like this one.

**CAT Member Comment:** We're a team, considering the fact that people from Ahwatukee listened to what I said about Tolleson in the first half of meetings, I'm concerned about Ahwatukee, even though I'm not from there. I need to hear from those people their concerns to make a decision.

**Tom Keller:** Do we have any more discussion?

**CAT Member Comment:** Is there a way to lump them together? Do any of them work together? Could we get someone who could represent multiple entities? There are people with interest in a specific route or not having a specific route and then people with broader interests. Shouldn't we keep a balance from that aspect, too, and prevent the CAT from getting too unwieldy?

**CAT Member Comment:** I agree with that CAT member with respect to her question about balance. I don't think that the HOAs unbalance it. I think those four are extremely important.

**CAT Member Comment:** I would like to say that Ahwatukee has been very well represented on the board. The people they do have coming know what they are talking about. They are good at representing their area as it exists now. I will restate my motion. The CAT will extend invitations to two Ahwatukee HOAs and four from the Laveen area.

**CAT Member Comment:** Second.

Y 5  
N 7  
A 0

**Tom Keller:** The motion is defeated. Discussion?

**CAT Member Comment:** Let's invite four from each side and see who is interested.

**CAT Member Comment:** Second.

**CAT Member Comment:** The motion is to invite four HOAs from Ahwatukee, and four more from Laveen.

Y 10  
N 1  
A 3 (no votes)

CAT adjourns for a break.



**Tom Keller:** ADOT will extend invitations, but we need to know which HOAs to invite. Another issue for you is that, as we increase these numbers, do we want to address the issue of the quorum? If they all accept, then we would need 16 representatives here. We don't have to decide the issue at this meeting, but that is on you. So let's get the specifics to Tim.

**CAT Member Comment:** I gave the Laveen information to the women in the back.

**CAT Member Comment:** I'll work with Tim on Ahwatukee, but here are the four HOAs: Club West. Mountain Park Ranch. Foothills Reserve. Foothills 80.

**Tom Keller:** We can run through the rest of the groups in the slides.

**CAT Member Comment:** Isn't that moot unless we change our membership limit?

**CAT Member Comment:** I motion that we end new member discussion.

**CAT Member Comment:** Second.

Y 13

N 1

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**Tom Keller:** All right. We're at the potential meeting topic part of tonight's agenda.

**Timothy Tait:** I'll be translating tonight for the voiceless Amy Edwards. [Amy Edwards, the technical expert, lost her voice, but attended the meeting.] At the last meeting, we talked about topics. Were there additional topics that didn't appear on the list or that we didn't talk about at the last meeting? [Potential topics are listed on the presentation slide.]

**CAT Member Comment:** Doesn't that MAG study represent the decision already made?

**Timothy Tait:** I believe we discussed having that conversation as the first part of a catch-up meeting, and then having a session on traffic modeling and traffic forecasting.

**CAT Member Comment:** I asked for the bus tour and for modeling of the impact that potential projects the Gila River reservation will create.

**Timothy Tait:** That information isn't public record.

**CAT Member Comment:** Enough of it is to do some modeling. If you're not going to talk about it, there's no way to reasonably analyze impacts.

**Timothy Tait:** You are proposing that we would address how Gila River is addressed in traffic projections?

**CAT Member Comment:** MAG has told us they're not. We have to go beyond MAG and talk about an airport with two 10,000-foot runways and 11,000 acres of industrial, and the impact that is going to have on a freeway.

**Timothy Tait:** The difficulty for ADOT is that MAG is the regional traffic planner.

**CAT Member Comment:** I talked about other groups that could do that type of modeling. I've said it before. If you put garbage in, garbage out. We need the Gila Indian information to make a good decision.

**Bill Vachon:** The reality of the situation is that MAG is official traffic forecaster. We can only get information that also is provided to them. We cannot speculate on anything that may or may not happen. That's what goes into their modeling. They're not in a position to speculate. We can't just say something may happen here or here and present that information in the study.

**CAT Member Comment:** That's why we'll come up with a bad model for this. You need to go outside the norm and identify certain potentials. I've done it with planning and land use.

**Bill Vachon:** In the past, when information on traffic was presented earlier – even with everything in the RTP, even with transit, even with telecommuting – with everything getting built, you still don't have enough capacity for all our traffic needs. So if you add traffic to that baseline, the amount we're not meeting traffic needs will just grow and become a wider margin. I think it's about 11 percent of traffic that we're not going to have capacity for. It might get up to 13 or 14 percent if you start adding all these other variables. Is that increase going to help you make a decision?

**CAT Member Comment:** If you start factoring in some of the stuff in the papers, there is stuff that will greatly impact truck traffic, air quality and cross traffic. That gets down to, looking at the decision of the freeway, if we're not taking into account those considerations, you'll probably have major delays at the two end points. I think we should look at trying to make it flow as best as possible. When you start leaving out a major component, I'll have to leave out a critical piece of information when I make my decision.

**CAT Member Comment:** There is some public information available, right?

**Timothy Tait:** Amy says their plans are totally unknown.

**CAT Member Comment:** I agree with the other CAT member. Unfortunately, they could have all sorts of plans that we won't see for 50 years. I have friends leasing land from Disney down south. Are they going to put a Disneyland there? I don't know that we can second-guess those plans, they may never happen. If they do, the guy that builds it should put in those lanes.

**Timothy Tait:** ADOT would concur with that recommendation.

**Tom Keller:** Where are we with the topics?

**CAT Member Comment:** What about the GRIC Borderlands Traffic Study. I know they send that out for stakeholder comments. They didn't include ADOT?

**Timothy Tait:** I'm being told no. We're having a conversation about speculative development on Gila River Indian Community. How would that influence the decision of this group?

**CAT Member Comment:** Capacity is maxed out anyway. What it does affect is air quality. If it was bad absent Gila River developments, then it could create an air quality situation would lead you to a no-build.

**Timothy Tait:** Air quality is one of the topics we have on our list of topics. We may be able to explore some of your concerns while directly addressing what your concern might be. Each of you have different levels of knowledge based on what you see and hear on the streets.

**CAT Member Comment:** So ADOT won't participate in making any of those assumptions?

**CAT Member Comment:** Phoenix is rapidly growing, that's reality. We're going to grow and we'll have to build more freeways. At some point in life, we're probably going to have to add more lanes. You can't not build because you're scared to grow. The Gila River is going to do what they're going to do.

**CAT Member Comment:** Freeways drive growth. One of the things I know is that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting the same results. Let's see if we can bring a little more sanity into this decision-making process. I fully support that. But if people know that within six months, they'll be on a parking lot and their air quality will be impaired, they might pick a different option.

**Tom Keller:** In our Operating Agreement, ADOT said they'd bring you information in a timely manner. They never said they would bring you every piece of information that you request. Can we agree that you [ADOT] can attempt to bring that information, and see what topics you can get matched to a schedule?

**CAT Member Comment:** One advantage of having a Gila River representative here is that they may be able to answer some of these questions.

**General CAT Comment:** They won't.

**CAT Member Comment:** What has been done to arrange a joint meeting between our group and what the entity on the tribal side is, whether it's one of the councils? We had a meeting at Wild Horse Pass once. They gave us an overview then, but not a lot of details. Since then, they've announced some retail centers. Has anyone worked on coordinating this meeting?

**Timothy Tait:** As Amy said, the meeting two weeks ago was first time we heard that request. We can't make guarantees or commitments to you, but we can try to arrange something.

**Tom Keller:** We're running out of time. Let's talk about topics, meeting dates, a location. Then we'll adjourn after we get comments from visitors.

**CAT Member Comment:** What about the meeting where the first half was the review of where we've been so far? I don't want the regional traffic study as part of the review meeting, because I want the regional traffic study part, not the review.

**Timothy Tait:** What we talked about for the next meeting was a two-part meeting. The first part would be the regional traffic information on the western alignment and the 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue decision process. That first part is where we would ask everyone to attend. The second half would be optional, but would be tailored to new members and focus on the previous years of work. That's what we would propose for the next meeting.

**CAT Member Comment:** Do we need a motion?

**Timothy Tait:** General consensus is fine.

CAT gives general consensus for the first meeting as outlined.

**Timothy Tait:** Great. That may be the easy part of the discussion. Now the hard part: Where do we have that discussion?

**CAT Member Comment:** I have two suggestions. How big a space do we need?

**Tom Keller:** Before we talk about that, do we want to match up topics to dates?

**Timothy Tait:** We want to take the information of potential topic suggestions, and try to map out what that looks like, incorporating time to review the DEIS, with some projections on when that might be released. If we can take your input and come back with a proposed schedule, that's what we would prefer to do. That way it would be logical and information would build on information.

**Tom Keller:** Another thing is that we don't want to meet pointlessly in the summer.

**Timothy Tait:** Our very strong preference would be we come back together in August. We all probably have some level of travel plans. We'll need a little bit of time to identify,

reach out to, and contact the groups you've decided to invite tonight, so when we get back into the room, we are a complete body. Then in September, we could start with new information, and the bus tour if there's interest. We'll address the topics you've suggested.

**Tom Keller:** Such as these? [Indicates topics listed in presentation slide.]

**CAT Member Comment:** Profile options? That's the actual level of the freeway? So that would be noise, too?

**Timothy Tait:** Profile options would be considering the freeway at grade level, depressed and elevated.

**CAT Member Comment:** Under that topic, would we get into noise levels?

**Timothy Tait:** We could add noise to it. And profile options would also be talking about South Mountain. Is including noise and drainage with profile OK?

**CAT Member Comment:** Certainly we should be talking about right-of-way with the below-grade option. Drainage will be one aspect of that. But to make a grade or below-grade decision, right-of-way is a huge part of that.

**Tom Keller:** Experts will be at these meetings, whether it be air quality experts, drainage experts or traffic experts.

**Timothy Tait:** Drainage considerations change right-of-way needs.

**CAT Member Comment:** And we can talk about what that new right-of-way would be?

**Timothy Tait:** We can talk about it in concept, but I don't know if we could show you the new line for the depressed right-of-way. We can present what the impacts would be with the depressed profile, but we may not be able to show you exact lines. We may be able to, but we don't want to commit to that.

**Tom Keller:** What you're telling ADOT is that, if we're going to have a conversation about profile, it needs to include these things, and let's be prepared to bring the best information you can. If we don't establish that guideline, then ADOT brings the presentation they thought you wanted and you're missing three or four things you thought they would bring.

**CAT Member Comment:** Do you need to hear from other people to try to get that information?

**Timothy Tait:** We can work on developing that to try to have something to present.

**CAT Member Comment:** I would like to see something that says if it is at grade, this is the projected area we would need for drainage, if you drop it 20 feet, then this is how much you need. That information about the change in needs is what I'm really looking for. I'm also looking at a profile meeting as being more than one meeting, at least with everything we're talking about.

**Tom Keller:** We did discuss the topic list and incorporating how much time we're going to need to cover each one.

**CAT Member Comment:** Profile is a lot of stuff to cover in one night.

**Timothy Tait:** That is one of my points from last meeting. While we have a lot of time, our time is limited. We need to end before the public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I can't give you a definite date, but I can tell you there is an end date sometime in the future in 2008.

**CAT Member Comment:** We don't want to go through what we went through the last six months of the last session, with two meetings a week and information piled both ways. We don't want to be sprung with the idea that one meeting a month isn't enough.

**Timothy Tait:** We want to avoid the fire drill scenario, too.

**Tom Keller:** Would it be helpful to send out the proposed schedule with the agenda for the August meeting?

**CAT Member Comment:** Is something like profile options still available for us to deliberate about? Have decisions not been made about that? Is it still up for discussion?

**Timothy Tait:** Yes. We have presented what an at-grade freeway would look like. It is an issue addressed in detail in the Draft EIS, as you would expect.

**Tom Keller:** Tim alluded to the difficult part of this conversation. Where are we going to meet? Have we defaulted to this site?

**Timothy Tait:** We are evaluating other locations. A community member provided us with options some options. We'll hold these meeting at wherever location the group feels is an appropriate venue. We want to do it in one location that would work for everyone because we don't want to bounce around.

**CAT Member Comment:** I think we should pick a central location so we don't severely impede either side, and everyone follows reverse traffic patterns. The Cesar Chavez Library has a community center. We don't need a giant hole in the middle of the table. [The CAT table is shaped in a square, with a large open area in the middle.]

**CAT Member Comment:** That's where the mud-wrestling happens.

**CAT Member Comment:** How about 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lower Buckeye? There's a City of Phoenix training facility there. People joke it's the Tiltmore Hotel. I don't know anything about it, but I know it's right in the middle.

**CAT Member Comment:** That would be worse for the Ahwatukee people because it would mean we would have to use Baseline.

**CAT Member Comment:** Not if there's a freeway.

**CAT Member Comment:** So let's build a freeway so we can decide whether to build a freeway.

**CAT Member Comment:** For us getting here, it's freeway the whole way from Ahwatukee.

Various suggestions for the best route thrown out.

**CAT Member Comment:** South Mountain Community College, at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Baseline.

**CAT Member Comment:** I would consider that centrally located for the west-side folks.

**Tom Keller:** Any other recommendations?

**CAT Member Comment:** We did try to meet at Cesar Chavez and we had some bad problems with getting in and getting out, the timing and everything. Some of these things, I do know, a lot of the schools have liability issues.

**Timothy Tait:** It would be nice to have a backup.

**Tom Keller:** We'd like to know that you're agreeable to the location. And that you're going to show up.

**CAT Member Comment:** How about we rank them in order of preference? South Mountain Community College and then the 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue facility both sound like good options.

**CAT Member Comment:** I motion that South Mountain Community College is priority one, the training facility is priority No. 2.

**CAT Member Comment:** Second.

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**Joy Butler:** Can we get some other options in case those don't work?

**Timothy Tait:** Let me give you what the community member suggested. South Mountain Community College, South Mountain High School, Travis Williams Center at the southwest corner of Central and Tamarisk, and some elementary/middle schools in Roosevelt.

**CAT Member Comment:** What about the community center?

**Joy Butler:** I checked it out, and we're waiting to hear if it could stay open later.

**Tom Keller:** We had a motion for two alternatives and it passed 13-0. Those are the two priorities. The hope is we'll find a place we can continue to meet. We've got a couple to choose from. We'll communicate with you via e-mail about the location.

Evaluation forms are being distributed now. We can now address community members' questions.

**CAT Member Comment:** The topics we suggested at the last meeting, those aren't lost right?

**Timothy Tait:** We've got them.

**Tom Keller:** Anything from community, from our visitors?

No visitors presented comment cards.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Tom Keller:** Good job folks, we're on a roll!

**Timothy Tait:** The date of our next meeting is August 23rd. And welcome to our new member, Jack!